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Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee

c/o Seattle City Clerk

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**RE: RESPONSE BY FRIENDS OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO SEATTLE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL FEDERATION'S APPEAL**

I am the Co-Chair of Friends of Children's Hospital and a Laurelhurst resident. This is a response to the Seattle Community Council Federation ("the Federation") appeal of the hearing examiner's alternative conditions.

As described in its appeal, the Federation is a coalition of community councils and community clubs from throughout the city. The Federation is chaired by the president of the Laurelhurst Community Club, Ms. Jeannie Hale. The Federation has taken the position in its appeal that:

1. "Master plan approval should be conditioned on heights no greater than 105 feet."
2. "Major institution boundaries should not be expanded to cross Sand Point Way."

The record reflects that the above positions of the Federation were ably and thoroughly presented by Ms. Hale and other representatives of the Laurelhurst Community Club during the two years of meetings of the Citizen's Advisory Committee. The Federation obviously has the right to reiterate those positions now in its appeal. However, the record in this matter makes it clear that the Federation's position in opposing the master plan does not reflect the views of most members of the Citizens Advisory Committee or of most Seattle residents. The Citizens Advisory Committee fully considered the views of the Federation and the Laurelhurst Community Club during its two year process, but it ultimately did not accept the LCC and the Federation's positions regarding height limits and the Sand Point Way boundary.

In addition to the extraordinary amount of time and effort devoted to this process by the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (which included LCC members) hundreds of other Seattle citizens have taken the time formally express their positions on the hospital expansion. A review of the record illustrates that the Federation's positions are not representative of the views expressed by the majority of Seattle residents during the process. Over the past two years, hundreds of Seattle residents have participated in the process by testifying at meetings or hearings and/or by submitting written comments, and the record reveals that most of those residents have supported, rather than opposed, the master plan. The record shows that in northeast Seattle alone, over 150 residents have submitted letters in support of the master plan—including many residents of Ravenna-Bryant, View Ridge, and Laurelhurst.

We respectfully request that the council carefully review the Citizen Advisory Committee's recommendations and findings in this matter, and also review the strong record of support of Seattle residents (including residents of northeast Seattle) of the master plan.

The LCC and the Federation played a key role in the CAC process, and many of their positions were accepted by the CAC and resulted in changes to the plan. However, the positions taken by the Federation in its appeal are inconsistent both with the CAC's recommendations and with the views expressed by most Seattle residents during the process. The LCC and the Federation have important and valuable voices in this process, but it is important that the Council also consider the views of the hundreds of other Seattle citizens who have also taken the time to formally participate in this lengthy process.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ross". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Ross" clearly distinguishable.

Steve Ross
Co-Chair, Friends of Children's Hospital

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 21st day of September, 2009, I sent copies of the following documents:

1. Response by Friends of Children's to Federation,
2. Certificate of Service; Appeal

(list the name of each document sent, including this Certificate of Service)

to the following parties by e-mail, at the e-mail address listed below for that party:

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 21st day of Sept, 2009, at Seattle, Washington.
City

Steve M. Rice
Name

September 10, 2009

Re: Correction notice - Children's Hospital appeal and briefing process

PARTIES OF RECORD – CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MIMP APPEALS

- 1. Seattle Displacement Coalition/Interfaith Taskforce on Homelessness.**
 - John V Fox, Seattle Displacement Coalition, 4554 – 12th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105
 - Bill Kirlin-Hackett, Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004
- 2. Coalition of Major Institutions**
 - Thomas Walsh and Judy Runstad, Foster Pepper Law Firm, 1111 Third Ave, Suite 3400, Seattle, WA 98101
- 3. Catherine Hennings – Member of Children's Hospital Citizen Advisory Committee and resident of Laurelhurst Neighborhood**
 - Catherine J Hennings, 3638 – 49th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105
- 4. Steve Ross – Chair, Friends of Children's Hospital and resident of Laurelhurst Neighborhood**
 - Steve Ross, 3625 – 47th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105
- 5. Hawthorne Hills Community Council**
 - Bonnie Miller, Chair of Land Use Committee, 6057 Ann Arbor Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115-7618
- 6. Seattle Community Council Federation**
 - Rick Barrett, Vice President, 1711 N 122nd Street, Seattle, WA 98133
- 7. Seattle Children's Hospital**
 - John E. Keegan, Davis Wright Tremaine, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 2200, Seattle, WA 98101
- 8. City of Seattle, Department of Planning and Development**
 - Judith Barbour, Assistant City Attorney, Seattle City Attorney's Office, 600 Fourth Avenue, 4th Floor, P.O. Box 94769, Seattle, WA 98124-4769
- 9. Laurelhurst Community Club**
 - Peter J. Eglick and Jane S. Kiker, Eglick Kiker Whited, 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 3130, Seattle, WA 98104
- 10. Dixie and Steve Wilson**
 - Peter Buck, The Buck Law Group, 2030 First Avenue, Suite 201, Seattle, WA 98121
- 11. Laurelon Terrace**
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